

~~mixtures of said epoxy resins.~~

Claim 3 (amended). ~~The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein curing agents used for the epoxy resins comprise formulated polyethers/polyamines, nonformulated aliphatic polyamines, araliphatic polyamines, cycloaliphatic polyamines, aromatic amine curing agents, modified polyamines, polyamidoamines, polyaminoimidazoline, polyether amines, formulated adducts or mixtures of said amines.~~

Claim 4 (amended). The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinked epoxy resin comprises fillers, plasticizers and, optionally, auxiliaries and additives as further formulating constituents.

Claim 5 (amended). The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein on the reverse of the crosslinked epoxy resin there is a release coating.

Claim 6 (amended). The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the self-adhesive composition has the following makeup:

ethylene from 10 to 30% by weight
vinyl acetate from 20 to 55% by weight
acrylic ester from 30 to 69% by weight
acrylamide from 0 to 8% by weight.

Claim 7 (amended). The adhesive tape according to Claim 1, wherein the self-adhesive composition has a thickness of from 15 to 40 μm .

Claim 8 (amended). A method for masking window flanges which comprises applying the tape of Claim 1 to said flanges.

Claim 9 (amended). A process for producing the adhesive tape of claim 1, which comprises applying a mixture of starting components of the epoxy resin during their chemical reaction phase directly on the polyester film.

Claim 10 (amended). The process of claim 9, wherein the polyester film is provided with the self-adhesive composition prior to coating with the crosslinked epoxy resin opposite the side to be coated with epoxy resin.

Please add the following:

- 11. The adhesive tape of Claim 6, wherein
- the amount of ethylene is 10 to 15% by weight,
 - the amount of vinyl acetate is 30 to 35% by weight,
 - the amount of acrylic ester is 50 to 60% by weight,
 - the amount of acrylamide is 0.5% by weight. --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format and to eliminate multiple dependency.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.